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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

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SUBJECT: RHODESIA: TRAVEL OF PROF. FOLTZ; MUZOREWA
REPLY TO MACHEL

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1. PROF. FOLTZ ARRIVED IN PRETORIA FROM SALISBURY ON
MARCH 20 AND DEPARTED BY EMBASSY VEHICLE FOR MAPUTO. FOLTZ
EXPECTS TO RETURN TO SOUTH AFRICA ON MARCH 21 AND THEN
RESUME HIS PRIVATE SCHEDULE.

2. FOLTZ IS CARRYING A LETTER DATED MARCH 19, 1978 FROM
MUZOREWA TO MACHEL. FOLTZ TOLD EMBOFF THAT MUZOREWA
DELIBERATELY LEFT THE ENVELOPE UNSEALED AND THAT MUZOREWA
PROBABLY WOULD NOT OBJECT TO THE USG'S KNOWLEDGE OF ITS
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3. FULL TEXT OF LETTER ON UNITED AFRICAN NATIONAL
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COUNCIL STATIONARY IS AS FOLLOWS:
QUOTE HIS EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT SAMORA MACHEL
MAPUTO,
REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE

DEAR COMRADE PRESIDENT SAMORA MACHEL,
I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION FOR THE GENEROUSITY

OF YOUR GOVERNMENT WHILE I WAS IN MAPUTO AND NOW FOR THE COMMUNICATION I RECEIVED FROM YOU.

AS I RECALL ON SEPTEMBER 19TH 1975 I RECEIVED AN INVITATION FROM YOU TO GO TO MOZAMBIQUE TO ORGANISE THE ARMED STRUGGLE. I EVEN WENT TO THE EXTENT OF BUYING ALL THE EQUIPMENT ONE NEEDS FOR LIFE IN THE BUSH. DURING THE PROCESS OF MOVING TO MOZAMBIQUE I SENT AN ADVANCE PARTY HEADED BY THE UANC, NOW, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT MR. JAMES CHIKEREMA AND EIGHT OTHERS WITH FIVE LORRIES WEIGHING 7 TONNES EACH. THESE LORRIES WERE FILLED WITH ALL THE SUPPLIES PEOPLE IN THE BUSH NEED -FOOD, MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND CLOTHING FOR THE CADRES. BUT ARRIVING IN MOZAMBIQUE SOME OF OUR MEN WERE DETAINED, OTHERS IMPRISONED AND UP TO NOW SOME ARE SOMEWHERE IN MOZAMBIQUE. MY BROTHER, I WAS SURPRISED WHEN I CAME TO MAPUTO TO DISCOVER THAT I TOO WERE IN HOUSE ARREST IN MAPUTO. I WAS FURTHER SURPRISED TO FIND THAT A HIGH COMMAND WAS BEING DEVELOPED TO TAKE CHARGE OF THE ARMED STRUGGLE WITHOUT OUR KNOWLEDGE AND YET A MASSIVE MAJORITY OF THE CADRES HAD BEEN RECRUITED BY THE UANC. FURTHERMORE, I WAS NEVER ALLOWED TO VISIT AND WORK WITH THE CADRES.

I AM NOT ENUMERATING ALL THESE EXPERIENCES BECAUSE I AM BITTER. ON THE CONTRARY, IF I HAVE LEARNT ANYTHING AS A CHRISTIAN, IT IS THE ABILITY TO FORGIVE AND FORGET; BUT I AM SAYING THAT I HAVE LISTENED TO YOU AND HIS EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT NYERERE'S ADVICE IN THE PAST AND THEREFORE I FEEL THAT AT THIS STAGE AND TIME IT WAS MOST UNFAIR OF YOU TO WITHHOLD INFORMATION OF THIS COMMUNICATION I JUST RECEIVED UNTIL AFTER I HAD SIGNED AN IMPORTANT AGREEMENT

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WITH MR. SMITH. EVEN THOUGH YOUR ADVICE HAS COME TOO LATE, I DO NOT REGRET HAVING REACHED AN AGREEMENT BECAUSE OF THE FOLLOWING REASONS.

FIRSTLY, I HAVE NEVER ACTED OF MY OWN ACCORD HENCE I CAME TO THE NEGOTIATING TABLE AFTER RECEIVING A MANDATE FROM THE MASSES OF ZIMBABWE TO NEGOTIATE A SETTLEMENT. THIS NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT FOLLOWS CLOSELY TO WHAT YOU SAID IN AUGUST 1976, AFTER THE NYADZONIA TRAGEDY THAT "...AT SOME STAGE OF THE STRUGGLE YOU WOULD HAVE TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE ENEMY....". THEREFORE WE HAVE DONE JUST THAT* WE HAVE TALKED WITH THE SMITH REGIME AND HE HAS DEFINITELY AGREED TO BLACK MAJORITY RULE. WE ARE NOW WORKING ON THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT, JUST AS YOU HAD A TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT FOR 12 MONTHS. WE HAVE GONE FURTHER BY DECLARING DECEMBER 31ST 1978 AS THE FIXED DATE FOR INDEPENDENCE. AND NOW THAT BLACK MAJORITY RULE HAS BEEN ACHIEVED AND THE OBJECTIVE OF THE WAR LAUNCHED BY OUR YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN WHO FLED INTO YOUR COUNTRY HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED, WE WOULD THEREFORE NOW CONSIDER THAT OUR GOAL HAS BEEN ACHIEVED.

SECONDLY, I STRONGLY BELIEVE THAT OUR ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE MECHANICS OF THE TRANSFER OF POWER ARE FAR BETTER THAN THOSE WHICH HAVE BEEN PUT ON MOST NEGOTIATING CONFERENCES OVER THE 'RHODESIAN ISSUE'. THEREFORE, HAVING ESTABLISHED AN INDEPENDENT ZIMBABWE THROUGH ONE-MAN ONE-VOTE ELECTIONS ON THE 31ST DECEMBER 1978, I

WOULD ASK YOUR EXCELLENCY, WHAT REASON WOULD THE GEURILLAS
CONTINUE TO FIGHT FOR? WOULD THEY CONTINUE TO WAGE A WAR OF
LIBERATION OR A WAR TO SERVE A PERSONALITY?

THIRDLY, MY BROTHER, YOU SAY YOU ARE "CONCERNED" ABOUT MY
POLITICAL IMAGE. THIS I DO NOT QUITE UNDERSTAND BECAUSE IT IS
RADIO MAPUTO WHICH TRIED TO MAKE ME A TRAITOR AND YET YOUR
EXCELLENCY YOU ARE FULLY AWARE THAT I WAS CALLED BY THE PEOPLE OF
ZIMBABWE. WITH DUE RESPECT, YOUR EXCELLENCY, I FIND IT HARD TO
BELIEVE THAT YOU ARE "CONCERNED" ABOUT MY POLITICAL FUTURE AND
IMAGE. IF YOUR CONCERN IS GENUINE YOU WOULD HAVE LET US USE
RADIO MAPUTO CONSTRUCTIVELY INSTEAD OF ALLOWING MY INTEGRITY
TO BE DISCREDITED DAILY.

IN VIEW OF MY GENUINE DESIRE TO ACHIEVE PEACE IN ZIMBABWE, I
NOW CHALLENGE YOU, MY BROTHER, IN THE NAME OF HUMANITY TO ALLOW
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ALL THE SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF ZIMBABWE TO COME HOME FREELY AND
AS HEROES, AS SOON AS WE HAVE WORKED OUT THE PROCEDURE. WE NEED
TO FACILITATE THE RETURN OF ALL ZIMBABWEANS WHO WISH TO RETURN
TO THE ZIMBABWE THEY HAVE FOUGHT FOR AND HAVE FREED.

FINALLY, IT IS MY HONEST AND SINCERE HOPE THAT MOZAMBIQUE AND
ZIMBABWE WILL LIVE LIKE TWIN BROTHERS AND AS GOOD NEIGHBOURS,
BECAUSE WE NEED EACH OTHER ECONOMICALLY, SOCIALLY AND POLITICALLY.
AND, I HOPE THAT WE WILL NEVER BE PUT IN A POSITION WHEREA AN
INDEPENDENT ZIMBABWE WILL FIGHT INDEPENDENT MOZAMBIQUE FOR THE
SAKE OF INDIVIDUALS. IF YOU ARE REFERING TO THE ANGLO-AMERICAN
PROPOSALS WHICH INCLUDE MR. NKOMO AND MR. MUGABE, THEN I WOULD
REPEAT THAT THE DOOR REMAINS OPEN FOR THEM TO PARTICIPATE WITH US.

YOUR BROTHER IN THE STRUGGLE,

(SIGNED)

ABEL TENDEKAYI MUZOREWA

PRESIDENT

UNITED AFRICAN NATIONAL COUNCIL

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